

REMARKS

In the outstanding Official Action, claim 6 was allowed while new grounds of rejection were applied as against the remaining claims in view of Applicants' prior remarks and amendments. Specifically, claims 1-4 and 7 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kianush et al in view of Davie et al and Durvaux et al, while claims 8-12 were rejected under §103(a) as unpatentable over the foregoing references and further in view of the additional cited references, all for the reasons of record.

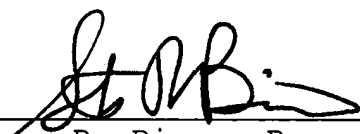
In response to the foregoing rejections, independent claims 1 and 2 have been amended in order to more particularly and precisely define the novel and unobvious subject matter of the instant invention, and in view of these amendments it is respectfully submitted that all of the currently-pending claims are now allowable for the reasons detailed below.

More particularly, independent claims 1 and 2 have been amended to now more precisely include a form of the limitation that harmonic filtering means are provided between the soft limiting amplifying means and prior to demodulation, which is specifically the subject matter of claim 6 that has been deemed to be patentably over the prior art. Thus, although independent claims 1, 2 and 6 otherwise differ in scope and breath, all of these independent

claims now contain a form of the specific subject matter previously found to be allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the currently-pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and entry of this amendment and favorable consideration are earnestly solicited.

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